



# UNION COUNCIL MOTION

M.1819 – 3 A motion to reduce the number of members required for society ratification

## HUU Notes:

1. Currently Societies need 15 members in order to be recognised by HUU as a Society.

## HUU Believes:

1. This requirement can often prevent smaller niche societies from being ratified or see them collapse altogether from previous years of success.
2. By reducing the number of members required for ratification, HUU will be able to recognise and support smaller societies as well as still offering the framework for new students to get involved with their group.

## HUU Resolves:

1. The number of members required for society ratification should be reduced from 15 to 10 with amendments being made to SO 2003.
2. While this isn't a huge change it will help struggling societies get back on their feet.

**Proposer:** Tom McNamara (President, Activities)

**Seconded:** Jess Clunan (Disabled Students Officer),

Dominic Clare (Councillor of Scrutiny for the AZ and President of Computer & Gaming Society),

Kathryn Burrows (President of Arts & Crafts Society),

Monica Costa (President of Film Society),

David Wait (President of Physics Society)

Passed at Union Council: 22/10/2018

## STANDING ORDER GOVERNING UNION SOCIETIES

### INTERPRETATION

1. These Standing Orders shall be read in conjunction with the Constitution, Bye Laws and the relevant Standing Orders of Hull University Union and shall be interpreted accordingly.

### RECOGNITION

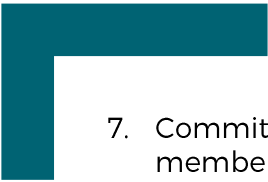
2. A Society may apply for recognition by Union Council provided:
  - (a) it has at least **fifteen** **ten** Full Members of Union who have paid their subscription;
  - (b) its Constitution, membership list and information sheet have been lodged with the President of Activities, the Chair Societies & Student Activities Co-ordinator with a copy filed with the Societies Co-ordinator;
  - (c) specimen signatures of the Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and one other nominated Executive member have been logged with the President of Activities and/or Societies Co-ordinator. NB A HUU bank account cannot be opened by a society until it is ratified by Union Council.

### CONSTITUTION

3. The Constitution of the Society must not conflict with the Constitution of Hull University Union or bring its charitable aims into question. The Constitution having been ratified by Council shall only be amended by a majority of two thirds of those present and eligible to vote at a duly convened general meeting of the Society, provided that the proposed amendment is published in full on the agenda. Such amendments should be notified to the President of Activities and shall not be valid until ratified by Union Council.

### MEMBERSHIP

4. Full Membership Full Membership of any Society shall be open to all Full Members of the Union on payment of the annual subscription to the relevant Society's President.
5. Associate Membership Associate Membership of the Society shall only be open to Associate Members of HUU as defined in the Bye Laws.
6. Membership lists Membership lists are to be held in the Student's Union and can be emailed to society presidents from HUU reception, they can also be accessed by the Societies Co-ordinator.

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7. **Committee** The Society must establish a committee of at least five full members who shall be elected by the Annual General Meeting, which shall be convened during weeks 5-8 of Semester 2. A casual vacancy may be filled by co-option or by election at a general meeting. To elect a Committee a Society must hold an Annual General Meeting, where all their members are invited to attend.
  8. **Officers** The Society's membership shall appoint a Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary from amongst its membership. Persons holding these specific posts must be full members of the Union.

#### GENERAL MEETINGS

9. **Calling a General Meeting** A general meeting of a Society shall be called by the Chairperson, the Committee, or at the written request of the voting membership. A general meeting can also be called by the Chair Societies at the request of a simple majority of the Societies' Executive Committee and in the later case, shall be chaired by the Chair Societies or by their nominee.
10. **Notice of Meetings** Notice of meetings shall be as follows:
  - a. for an Annual General Meeting; seven clear days;  
1 Clear days shall not include Saturdays, Sundays, Public Holidays or University vacations.
  - b. for Societies Council; five clear days.

Such notice shall be posted on society social media, and if necessary emailed to all voting members

11. **Voting rights and quorum** Only full members of the Society shall have voting rights. The quorum for any general meeting shall be 20% of the voting membership.

#### FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

12. **Grant Application** A grant application is to be made in accordance with Annex B to Standing Order governing Financial Procedures.
13. **Financial Controls** The Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer of the Society are to control the funds of the Society in accordance with Standing Orders governing Financial Procedures.
14. **Accounts** Printouts of a Society's account balances and transactions can be obtained from the Cash Office in Membership Services.
15. **Society Charge** This will be reviewed annually by the incoming relevant Sabbatical Officer in line with HUU funding support and inflation.



## CLERICAL ARRANGEMENTS

16. Members of Societies may make use of the facilities including printing, mailing, faxing, photocopying and telephones; charges will be made for each facility.

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